PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: MATSUNAGA EA 4

SERIAL NO: 10/662,898

EXAMINER: Alexander Gilman

FILED: September 15, 2003

GROUF: 2833

THIN-PROFILE CONNECTOR HAVING A COVER WHICH CAN BE TITLE: READILY OPERATED AND RELIABLY LOCKED IN A CLOSED STATE

PETITION UNDER RULE 136(a) AND RULE 17(a)(2)

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, under Rule 136(a), to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated, March 24, 2004 for one month, from June 24, 2004 to July 24, 2004 The Examiner is hereby authorized to charge the appropriate fee for a one month extension of time for a large entity to deposit account 03-2468.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additionally required fee, or to dradit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 03-2468.

COLLARD & ROE, F.C. 1077 Northern Boulevard Roslyn, New York 11576 (516) 365-9802

Amendment Enclosure:

Gilman at (703) 872-9318 on July 26, 2004-

I hereby cortify that this correspondence is being faxed to Examiner Alexander

Allison C. Colland, Reg No. 22,532

Edward R. Freedman, Reg. No. 26,048

William C. Collard Reg No.38,411

Respectfully submitted,

William Collard

∴MATSUNAGA EA 4

R:\Putonts\M\MATSUNAGA EA 4\V/9_!MORThEXT.Wpd